

AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 7, line 18 as follows:

The cells 52, 54, 56, 58, 60, the protective device 70, the interconnections 62, 64, 66, 68 and the leads 72, 74 are placed in a plastic resin shell 80 that includes a bottom shell portion 130 shaped to provide mechanical support. The shape of the bottom shell portion 130 disposes the cells 52, 54, 56, 58, 60 side by side and spaced apart from each other. The plastic resin shell 80 includes plastic resin separation bars 82, 84, 86, 88 positioned between cell end portions 132, 134, 136, 138, 140, 142, 144, 146 of the cells 52-60 and the electrical interconnections 62-68 to reduce shorting and provide additional mechanical support. The plastic resin shell 80 includes peripheral shell sidewalls 150, 152, 154, 156 that extend from the bottom shell portion 130 to surround the cells 52-60, the electrical interconnections 62, 64, 66, 68 and the protective device 70. The plastic resin shell 80 includes an interior wall 160 that forms a side of a channel 162 in which the protective device 70 and the potting compound 73 are disposed.